

# Bone Lake Commissioners Meeting

Saturday July 12 2014 FINAL

Present

Bob Murphy  
Phil Foster  
Alex Chorewycz  
Karen Engelbretson  
Patricia Schmidt  
Ron Ogren

Guests:

Bob Boyd  
Jason Elder  
Wayne Shirley

Note: A resignation letter from Wayne Liepke has been received and accepted. His commissioner seat is up for election at the August annual meeting.

**Bob Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.**

Karen Engelbretson read minutes of April 13, 2014 meeting. Phil Foster offered the following correction: The motion made by Phil Foster to donate \$1000 to the Lions Club for maintenance of Bone Lake Point Park was seconded by Wayne Liepke, not Phil Foster. There were no other changes to the minutes and they were approved as final.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

June 30, 2014 cash balance: \$223,738  
Projected cash balance to 9/30/14: \$188,172  
Proposed budget for Fiscal 2014/2015: \$146,197  
Check register detail is included in the budget report.  
Safety patrol \$2500 will be adjusted as no activity was made.  
Cash balance \$223,738 June 30, 2014

## **Grant Report**

We will spend remaining \$40,000 by end of this fiscal year and submit a new grant request by February 1, 2015 for a new lake management grant.

The current Lake Management Plan expired in 2013 and should be updated to submit with a new grant application but we're not at the point to do that as we're still getting information from the core sample which could be in 4th quarter. Core sample will show conditions as much as 200 years ago and show changes over time and will help us decide what can be changed.

Phosphorus loading from incoming streams will be measured. A lake management strategy and actions is required for the plan. Lake protection grant deadlines are still February 15.

A CLP control grant may be difficult to obtain. Without grant funds, CLP spraying costs will come from district funds. Our AIS education grant will be extended (expires in 2014) as funds are left over from current grant.

Motion by Phil Foster to apply for new lake protection grant February 1  
Second: Karen Engelbretson  
Discussion: How much? Phil will have estimate at October meeting.  
Motion carried.

The levy will remain at \$56,000.

The APM plan includes \$4000 for landing cameras, \$5500 for CBCW, funds for another billboard, and CLP spraying costs of \$33,000 to make up the total \$48,500 budget.

#### **Watershed**

No projects identified yet.

#### **Waterfront Runoff**

Depends on response from property owners. \$33,000 is available. Still have 5 septic incentives @ \$1000 for payout.

#### **Evaluation & Studies**

Last payment for core sample.

#### **Wildlife and Natural Beauty**

Funds for education efforts.

#### **Fisheries**

More half log cribs will be installed.

#### **Discussion and questions on budget:** none

Motion to approve budget as submitted: Pat Schmidt. Second: Karen Engelbretson. Motion carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Watershed, Phil Foster**

Project at 250th Street: constructing two check dams on the stream to slow water down. Phil Foster presented plans.

#### **Waterfront Runoff, Phil Foster**

Working at Wilkins doing two projects to slow water from roof and other runoff to lake.  
10x30 planting continues on lakeshore properties.  
Have three septic awards complete and two in progress.

Twenty-five new owner packets have been sent out. Bob Singer volunteers to assemble and mail them to a list supplied by Phil Foster. A revised letter should be prepared for packets sent after Labor Day as some information was for summer 2014 activities.

### **APM, Bob Boyd**

Curly leaf pondweed growth was down all over the lake, and in most of the lakes in the county, except Wapogasset. Consultant Steve Schieffer found it difficult to even map the beds. Treatment was deemed effective. Water samples were taken to determine half-life of chemicals used to treat the plant. Results are not yet available. White stem pondweed and large leaf pondweed are growing well and indicate good quality water. Northern water milfoil is increasing but not expected to be a problem. Lake is stratified as of end of June. Thermocline is a plus. Cold anoxic water at the bottom holds the phosphorus and keeps it from entering the water column. Weather and wind conditions make a difference in lake mixing. Thirteen foot secchi readings end of June. Swimmers itch reported on south end. Cameras are running on north and south end. Three potential violations sent to Bob who forwarded to Tim Ritten and Jeremy Williamson at Polk County LWRD. Status unknown. Kids don't float program is running and being used.

### **Fisheries, Bob Boyd**

Wayne Liepke was chair. Bob will reorganize the committee. Half log cribs may be put in the spring. Smallmouth bass are growing in size. Need to interview anglers to see what they're catching. DNR could do a shock sample.

### **Communications, Karen Engelbretson**

Newsletter

Discussion on advertising - keep current number of ads: two pages of business card size ads in black and white, plus one 8.5 x 5.5" insert.

Increase ad prices by 50% for spring 2015 issue.

New rates: \$60 for two ads, spring and fall; \$250 for insert.

Motion to change ad rates: Phil Foster

Second: by Pat Schmidt.

Further discussion: none.

Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Foster: Continue to retain KJE Design to produce newsletter.

Second: Ron Ogren

Motion carried

Recycling information in newsletter: add Georgetown Hall in recycling information, every other week on Friday and Saturday

Include more boater safety and boater etiquette information. Jason Elder offers discussion. Bob Murphy got an email from the Deputy sheriff Hahn boating safety in August. Add to eNews.

Phil suggests having Julie Johnson contact those not opening the eNews with an email from a different address.

**Wildlife & Natural Beauty, Karen Engelbretson**

The committee is producing a collectible map including habitat, bird and frog survey information, place names, historical information, wildlife locations and other information in an illustrated format. Illustrator Roberta Avidor has been chosen to work on the map.

**Social, Phil Foster**

July 5 fireworks funded by a Bone Lake property owner are said to have cost \$30,000; fabulous display on July 5, 2014.

Progressive dinner will be in August on the same date as the annual meeting.

Volunteers: Phil Foster reports that water sampling is done by Bob Boyd as a volunteer. BLMD has paid Bob Boyd for fuel expenses but not for his time. Additional testing should be done, too. The required testing takes weeks of time from sunrise to sundown and estimated to be over 100 hours of work. Bob Boyd left the room for this discussion

Phil's motion: Pay Bob Boyd for his time conducting water sampling.

Discussion: will be over 100 hours of time. Per hour basis? No. Do it as a flat fee of \$1000 plus fuel expenses. Would come out of the aquatic plant management.

Amended motion by Phil Foster: pay Bob Boyd \$1000 for water sampling for current FY plus fuel expenses

Second: Ron Ogren

Motion carried.

Karen Engelbretson will check on insurance requirements for contractors (over certain amount).

**Volunteer Recognition**

This year's awards will be presented at the August annual meeting to:

Bob & Lorraine Boyd

Cris & Lyn Dueholm

Mike & Lorraine Lunzer

Jan & Mike Belich

Dave Nelson & Bob Graham

Motion to approve these candidates: Bob Murphy.

Second: Karen Engelbretson

Motion carried.

**Update on Lagoon Dredging, by Jason Elder**

Since last August, lagoon owners have spent \$900 each for a survey and permitting to remove 11-12,000 cubic yards of sediment from the lagoon, the amount needed to get it return the lagoon to its original state when first dredged in 1967. Analysis of the silt shows no contaminates and it is phosphorus rich. DNR has approved dredging and putting material somewhere else.

Three dredging options were presented. 12 properties are affected. Two property owners may not participate.

Another location was suggested for evaluation by Wayne Shirley. Muck is considered valuable as soil nutrient. It can be pumped up to 2000 yards from the lagoon.

Karen Engelbretson asks if bird survey recommendations for the Tamarack Sedge Meadow can be tied into the project to make it more eligible for a DNR grant? Karen will talk with Cheryl for DNR approved projects that might tie in.

Creek delivers a plume of sediment during storm events. Watershed is working on that creek. See the watershed committee reports. The grant status of the project needs to be reported before proposing district funding at the annual meeting and information will not be ready for the August 2014 meeting.

### **Bylaws Discussion**

Bob Boyd states as he leaves the meeting that he supports going to Chapter 33 and to rescind bylaws.

The BLMD bylaws were written in and adopted in 1976 when the district was formed. They have never been updated and many errors now exist. It is not lawful to supersede the State Statute 33 therefore it has been recommended to rescind the current bylaws and simply adopt the Wisconsin Statute Chapter 33 law for running the district. A set of policies can be developed by District commissioners to cover issues specific to Bone Lake.

Discussion about the particular errors in the bylaws and the magnitude of those errors ensued. The bylaws are an easier way to understand WI Stat. Chapter 33, but the bylaws do not include all of the law. Bylaws may be necessary for lake associations that are not governed by statute but Bone Lake is a taxing district.

Karen will draft and present a comprehensive review of the bylaws for further discussion.

### **Shoreland Ordinance Changes Discussion**

Commissioners reviewed the ordinance draft and two sets of proposed amendments. Opinions on amendments were offered to County Board Supervisor Patricia Schmidt, who stated that public input to the Board of Supervisors is very important. She recommended attending and speaking at the public hearings. Public hearings dates have been set for three Mondays in August:

August 4

August 11

August 18

Meetings will be held at high schools in Luck, Amery and Osceola.

### **Annual Meeting**

Nominating committee. Bob Murphy will appoint Tim Laughlin as nominating committee chair to recruit candidates.

Mike Mussail has already expressed his interest in running for election. He ran last year and came in 4th out of 5 candidates.

Discussion on voting procedures, sign in and annual meeting notice.

A postcard will be mailed to all District members.

Suggestion: people should be checked in at door to establish their eligibility to vote.

Phil Foster motion: do not check eligibility at the door.

Further discussion: Members will sign in at door with name and property address and if a secret ballot election is required, Chairman Bob Murphy will read who can vote then hand out ballots on the honor system.

Amended Motion by Phil Foster: Members sign in at door with name and address. Voting rules are presented before election.

Second: Bob Murphy.

Motion carries.

At the annual meeting:

Handouts to everyone to include 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

2014/15 proposed budget with two-page summary and voting eligibility.

Three volunteers will handle sign in at the door. Three or four sign in sheets will be provided to be sure sign-in moves quickly.

Pat Schmidt will talk about county ordinance and importance of public input, 5 minutes.

Cheryl Clemens on lake management plan.

Committee reports 5 minutes each.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.